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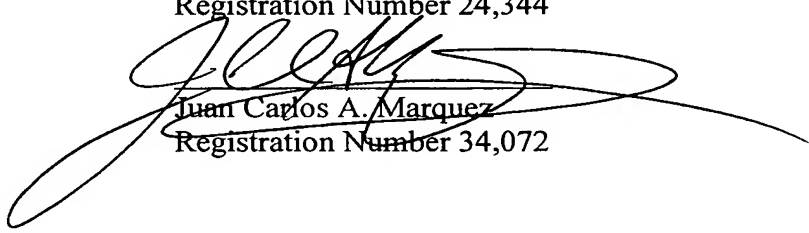
Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate the disclosure and claim the priority of the prior application by reference. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

Applicants would point out that the claims being filed through this divisional application were originally filed and are subsequently being cancelled from the parent nonprovisional U.S. Application No. 10/240,848. It is believed that the invention as set forth in the claims of this divisional application were already the subject of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and of the Assignment on file with the above-noted parent application. Thus, it is further believed that no newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney or Assignment is required for this divisional application. Copies of the original documents on file in the parent application are being submitted herewith. 

In view of the above amendments and Applicants' comments stated herein, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

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